

CITY CLUB ON ANNUAL PICNIC

Nearly 300 D. C. Men Take Auto Trip to West Hatton, Md.

Nearly 300 Washington business and professional men are at West Hatton, Md., today, on the first annual outing of the City Club.

Amid loud cheering and the weird grunting of a thirty-piece jazz band, more than 100 automobiles, gaily decorated with City Club pennants, left the clubhouse, on Potomac Square, this morning for the scene of the outing.

The cars were in three groups—at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock. There were only a few cars in the first group. Apparently members of the club are not in the habit of rising early. The 8 o'clock procession was a long one, stretching several blocks. The largest crowd left thirty minutes later. The cars were filled and dispatched under the direction of Oscar A. Thorpe, member of the outing committee, and E. B. Danahower, manager of the club.

Princess George and Charles counties, Maryland, had been put in excellent condition especially for the outing, and the automobiles made good time. The roads were decorated with banners and pennants and the country folk turned out in numbers to give the excursionists rousing cheers as they passed.

REEDER ON HAND. The last party reached the scene of the outing shortly after 11 o'clock. Mr. Reeder, who has been at the farm for several days getting things in readiness, was on hand to greet the excursionists, turning over to them for the day his 800-acre farm with four and a half miles of beach along the Potomac river.

Fulton Brylawski, chairman of the outing committee, H. Seymour Walcott, and H. W. Cutler, who had gone to the farm Friday morning to assist in preparations, also were present to greet the excursionists.

Mr. Mark C. Chalk, a life member of the club, was the highest bidder for the privilege of riding to the scene of the outing in a hydroplane, was scheduled to arrive at West Hatton shortly before noon, and the excursionists were prepared to give him a royal reception. The hydroplane started from the Virginia side of the Highway bridge.

A large program is before the excursionists this afternoon. It's going to be like a seven-ring circus, with something going on every minute of the time, according to Chairman Brylawski. The thirty-piece jazz band is scheduled to play wild music all day long, with very, very brief intermissions.

There will be swimming, crabbing, fishing, motor racing, and trap shooting. There will be a game of ball for those satisfied with playing with an indoor ball. And there will be enough races and other athletic events to make one's head swim.

The outing committee has planned numerous special features which are being kept secret and which will be sprung as surprises this afternoon.

TAKE CLUB'S CHECKS. The excursionists took along several of the club's checks, ready to cash as they are scheduled. Oysters will be freshly dredged from the Potomac and roasted on shore. Then there will be refreshing drinks of a harmless nature on tap all day long.

Crabs, oysters, fried chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, watermelon, lemonade, ginger ale, and sarsaparilla are a few of the things that the head chef casually mentioned when interviewed as to what the menu served the hungry flock of excursionists.

Every excursionist is wearing his oldest suit of clothes, and is carrying his bathing suit under his arm, following explicit instructions handed out by Mr. Brylawski at the club's weekly forum luncheon.

About 6 o'clock tonight the boys figuratively, of course, will kiss Brother Reeder good-bye, will wave good-bye to his car, and will climb into their trusty Fords, and other makes, and will hit the old pike for home.

The outing committee is composed of Mr. Brylawski, chairman; Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Reeder, Mr. Walcott, Mr. Cutler, Charles J. Waters, George Platt, and Raphael Semmes.

D. C. REPUBLICAN LEAGUE TO WORK IN MARYLAND

Scope of Work for Harding and Coolidge Will be Extended.

The Harding and Coolidge Republican League, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, of which Robert I. Miller is president, and Col. Winfield Jones, chairman of the executive committee, has begun to extend its activities into Maryland.

Dr. Louis B. Henkel, Jr., member of the Republican State Central Committee of Anne Arundel County, and J. A. Adams, member of the Annapolis city council, conferred here yesterday with Colonel Jones and Miller and made arrangements to form a branch in Anne Arundel county of the Harding and Coolidge Republican League.

Henkel and Adams said Maryland is sure to go solidly Republican in November. There are now three Democratic Congressional districts in the State, and Senator John Walter Smith, a Democrat, is standing for re-election.

In addition to organizing press and speakers' bureaus here, the Harding and Coolidge Republican League is preparing to wage a vigorous fight to help the Maryland Republican Central Committee win that State in the November elections.

The league is carrying on a membership campaign throughout the city. Membership in the league is free.

CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS CITIZENS WILL MEET

A special meeting of the Cathedral Heights Citizens' Association will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock in St. Alban's Parish Hall to discuss the zoning system proposed for Wisconsin avenue.

Y. Gray is president, and J. F. B. Goldberg, secretary.

MISS Gladys Burton, who is in Washington studying merchandising methods in connection with her work as educational director for H. Gordon Selfridge, famous American merchant who has met with success in London.

2,400 on Per Diem Payrolls Meet Tonight to Protest New Wage Scale.



THIRSTY

Tired Business Man Wants Something with Bit of Old "Kick."

FAVORITES SCORED

Old-Fashioned Sodas and Sundaes Fail to Hit Spot These Days.

A kingdom for a new drink! Washington's soda dispensers are up against it. The public is turning away from the old-fashioned soda and sundae, and is looking for something new and different.

All of the ingenious concoctors of sodas and sundaes have tried their hand at luring the public away from the stock ideas in drinks, but have not succeeded.

All the "hard drinkers" of yesterday are strong for ice cream. They find it a good substitute for alcohol. They are calling for more "stimulating" syrups to go with the ice cream, and the dispensers are trying their best to meet the demand.

MILLIONS FOR "FIND."

"I think the public will rush like a flock of sheep to some new little 'dope drink' that the law allows and has a punch to it," said a soda jerk today, over his marble top. "Every one is tired of the old drinks, but they don't know it yet."

"They come to our fountains and look over the list of sodas with bated faces, and finally wind up by ordering a drink that is as old as the hills. That is the way I find 'em. Some day, some bright man is going to put a real new drink out and he'll coin millions out of it."

LEGION CHIEF TO AID FIGHT FOR D. C. VOTES

Marvin Gates Sperry, commander-in-chief of the Private Soldiers' and Sailors' Legion, which has a national membership of 600,000 and a membership in Washington of more than 5,000, has been appointed a vice chairman of the veterans' committee for D. C. suffrage, and a member of the advisory council of the national press committee for D. C. suffrage.

BANG! A SHOT RANG OUT ON STALL NIGHT AIR

"Bang!" rang a shot at the rear of 627 I street northwest, at 9:04 o'clock last night. "He has killed him!" was the cry that followed.

Then the neighbors rushed into the alley to find a man with a smoking pistol, surveying his victim. There were no arrests. The slayer was Police Constable Fowler. His victim was a dog. The animal was suspected of rabies.

Boys Today, Men Tomorrow

At the bottom of the classified page in this issue there is a coupon that will interest the three hundred and more newsboys and carriers of The Times. It will interest YOU, too—for by using it and giving it to a newsboy you can have The Times, daily and Sunday, delivered to your home for 60 cents a month. The boy benefits. Why not help him to help you and himself.

D.C. EMPLOYEES MAY WALK OUT

2,400 on Per Diem Payrolls Meet Tonight to Protest New Wage Scale.

A walk-out of 2,400 per diem employees of the District, which would tie up operations of the water, sewer, and street cleaning departments of the city, may result from an indignation meeting to be held tonight at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows' Hall, 1606 M street northwest.

District employees will meet to "decide on some course of action" to force the District Commissioners to recede from their recent decision to establish the rate of pay for per diem employees without taking into consideration the rate of pay in effect at the navy yard, where employees do similar work.

"Since July 1, when the new schedule of pay was announced, the per diem employees have made known to me their dissatisfaction over the wage scale," said Joseph Hurley, president of the City Employees Association, today.

WANT NAVY YARD SCALE. "The men have demanded an indignation meeting which I have called for tonight. They want their pay equal that of Navy Yard employees."

According to Hurley, Navy Yard employees are being paid 76 cents a day more than District employees. He declares this is unfair, as it has always been the policy of the District Commission to make the rate for local Government employees the same as for Federal Government employees.

"The commission changed its policy recently," said Mr. Hurley, "and established a new wage scale without regard to the schedule of pay in the Navy Yard and in the shipyards. The per diem employees want higher pay and will decide tonight on some action to get the pay schedule revised."

President Hurley will preside tonight. It is expected the hall will be crowded with District employees.

The per diem scale in the District ranges from \$3.25 to \$6.40 a day, including the 16 cents a day bonus. The navy yard scale ranges from \$3.68 to \$4.40 a day, not including the 76 cents a day bonus, which is extra.

ASK BONUS AS "EXTRA." "In making a schedule of pay for District employees, the Commissioners included the bonus in the basic pay," said Hurley. "We believe we are entitled to have the bonus as an extra payment."

"Drastic action may be taken at tonight's meeting, as the men are aroused over the condition. Unless there are some signs of a change in the rate schedule a walkout may result."

There are per diem employees in the water, sewer, street cleaning, and surface departments, repair shop, and many other branches of the District.

KILLED WHEN HE GRASPS LIVE WIRE

Fred Hoffman, of W. R. E., Is Electrocuted While Working in Manhole.

Fred Hoffman, 1139 Tenth street northwest, a "trouble man" for the Washington Railway and Electric Company, was instantly killed this morning at 3:10 o'clock when he grasped a live wire in a manhole at Fourteenth and B streets.

Hoffman was working with Herbert Gill, his foreman. Gill was feeding a cable into the conduit through another manhole near by, while Hoffman was waiting to receive it.

Gill later told the First precinct police that he heard a scream and ran to find Hoffman lying inert on the pavement with his arm in the manhole. The foreman shoved him aside and called for help, and Hoffman was taken to Emergency Hospital in the ambulance of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Hoffman was found to have touched a bond wire accidentally in trying to get his hand in position to receive the new cable.

He was thirty years of age, and leaves a widow, who was told of the tragedy by Officer O'Reilly, of the First precinct. Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt will examine the body today and hold an inquest at the morgue Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

BEGIN WORK NEXT WEEK ON NEW GREEK CHURCH

Stones work will be begun next week on a \$160,000 church building for the Greek Orthodox congregation at the northeast corner of Eighth and L streets northwest.

The building will be fifty by ninety feet in size, the lower portions of stone and the rest of brick. Donn & Deming are the architects and Harry B. Davis is the contractor.

LIBRARY

When You Lose Your Card Do You Know How to Get New One?

TELL CLERK—1 DIME

When you lose your library card, do you know how to get a new one?

Report your card lost at the desk of the Public Library. Give your name, and address to the clerk. Tell when you lost your card. Make a deposit of 10 cents in a week's time, the new card will be mailed you, or you may call for it.

The Public Library maintains a file system of library cards. In it a duplicate of all cards issued are kept. It is a simple matter to replace a lost card. Many, having the impression that it is a very difficult matter to secure a new card, after losing one, put off getting another, depriving themselves of the pleasure of many books they could have been reading.

BABY CLARK PHILLIPS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Phillips, of Galveston, Tex. While her parents are abroad, little Miss Phillips, in charge of her grandmother, Mrs. Joseph Clark, is visiting her uncle, Ex-Congressman Jeff McLeomore, in Washington.



President Calls Halt On Abrupt Dismissals Of Old U. S. Employees

President Wilson today took a hand in the retirement situation. Word was sent from the White House to the Interior Department and the Postoffice Department not to take any action on the dismissal of supernumerary employees until the President had given the law further consideration.

It is believed the President will issue an executive order defining the action the Government departments should take over the retirement of employees.

The White House has been besieged for several weeks by letter and in person, by Government employees who, while they have reached the statutory retirement age, have not served the Government the necessary fifteen years to entitle them to a pension.

It is understood the Cabinet considered the proposition at the meeting last Tuesday, but no definite plan was considered.

A committee from the Joint Conference on Retirement, headed by Edward J. Ryan, called at the White House this morning and left with a letter from the President asking him to intercede in behalf of those supernumerary employees of the Government who would be thrown out of employment on August 21 without the advantage of a pension.

Secretary Taft told them that word had been sent from the White House to the heads of the bureau of the Interior Department, in the absence of Secretary Payne, and that word also had been sent to the Postoffice Department and other departments of the Government, to take no arbitrary action until the President got in communication with them.

TEXT OF PETITION. The petition submitted by the committee from the joint conference on retirement was as follows:

"The joint conference on retirement, representing all existing organizations of Government employees, deems it necessary to direct your attention to the failure, in certain departments and offices of the Government, to administer the recently enacted Civil Service Retirement Law according to its spirit and intent."

It is a simple matter to retire the employees of the Government who have been ordered that all employees of the retirement age shall be retired when the law goes into effect on August 21. In other departments action has been taken in accordance with section 6 of the act, to retain efficient employees, and recommendations for their continuance for a two-year period already have been submitted to the Civil Service Commission.

QUOTE TERMS OF ACT. It seems to us that this latter course is plainly called for by the terms of the act, a portion of section 6 reading as follows:

"Provided, That if within sixty days after the passage of this act or not less than thirty days before the arrival of an employee at the age of retirement, the head of the department, branch, or independent office of the Government in which he or she is employed, certifies to the Civil Service Commission that by reason of his or her efficiency and willingness to remain in the civil service of the United States the continuance of such employee therein would be advantageous to the public service, such employee may be retained for a term not exceeding two years upon approval and certification by the Civil Service Commission, and at the end of the two years he or she may, by similar approval and certification, be continued for an additional term not exceeding two years. Provided, however, that at the end of ten years after this act becomes effective, no employee shall be continued in the civil service of the United States beyond the age of retirement defined in section 1 hereof for more than four years."

Many employees of retirement age are still capable of rendering efficient service, and it is unquestionably true that it will be advantageous to the public service to retain them under the extension provisions of the act.

They may be separated from the service at any time, if inefficiency is established. Furthermore, justice demands that sufficient notice should be given as to the time retirement will be required.

"We wish to make it plain that we neither request, nor desire, the retention in the service of those now inefficient by reason of age. What we ask is that the plain, expressed purpose of the act be carried out, and that where retention in the service is requested, and efficiency is established, the language from section 6 above quoted shall be given effect."

POINT OUT INJUSTICES. "The retirement act is a 'beneficial' one, and, in accordance with well-settled principles of statutory construction, should be administered in the interest of the class intended to be benefited."

"Our attention has been called to instances in which persons who would be eligible to retirement following fifteen years of service, are being denied opportunity to 'round out' such period. Of course, such action may come within the letter of the law, but it seems to us unworthy of our great republic, and we are convinced that such action would not have your approval."

"We believe the act is well drawn and that it is bound to operate with complete satisfaction after it has been in effect a few years. And we further believe that all should be retired upon reaching the retirement age, after the law has been in effect for several years. The last proviso in section 6 is especially significant in this connection, as it shows clearly it was never intended that the full purpose of the act should become effective until it has been in operation for ten years. A period of grace is really established to permit the exercise of administrative discretion to meet conditions in the first few years of the law's application. It is in order to force the retirement of all of retirement age in any department ignores this very important feature of the law."

HEARINGS NOT GIVEN. "The retirement law afforded a splendid opportunity to apply the spirit of collective bargaining. The heads of departments issuing in harmonious orders to retire retirement employees did so without extending the courtesy of a conference to representatives of the joint retirement conference, and so far as we are informed, did not grant opportunity to the employees to state their views to the administration of the act. We feel sure that if this had been done better results would have followed and a uniform method of applying the law would have been established. A great degree of satisfaction would have been produced and the retirement system launched under happier auspices."

"We trust that you will recognize the justice of this appeal and will take such action as may be necessary to correct the objectionable orders of departmental heads subject to your authority. It is apparent that action must be taken by the administration of this month if a change is to be made in the orders referred to, as the law requires that certification be made by departmental heads to the Civil Service Commission for the retention of employees not less than thirty days before retirement becomes effective."

JONES ASSAILS BALLOT BOX FINDS

D. C. Suffrage Leader Alleges Charles J. Columbus Vents His Personal Spite.

Col. Winfield Jones, president of the national press committee for District of Columbia suffrage, issued a tart statement this morning following a bulletin of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, which stated that the executive committee advised against contributions to the suffrage committee at this time.

"We have known for some time that an organized conspiracy has been working like moles in the dark to kill off the activities of the press committee," declared Colonel Jones. "We will tell the facts at the proper time. We deny these facts of District suffrage and the national press committee, because we know the people of the District are backing us up."

ASSAILS COLUMBUS. "By the executive committee is meant Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, and evidently against District suffrage. For a long time he has 'had it in' for certain of our officers because we have seen fit not to consent with him concerning the suffrage campaign which we have carried on for more than a year with excellent prospects of securing some sort of local self-government in the December session of Congress."

"I wonder of the members of the Merchant and Manufacturers' Association will stand for Columbus using the organization to vent his private spite."

"Columbus has set himself up to judge as to what organization the members of his organization can contribute."

DOUBTS HIS RIGHTS. "It is a great pity that a few secret and open foes of District suffrage are allowed to pull the wool over the eyes of the great majority of one member of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, nearly all of whom are in favor of District suffrage and many of whom have already contributed to the National Press Committee."

"I doubt, in fact, I am sure of it, that few members of that association will stand for a minute for Columbus telling them what they can do and what they cannot do with their own money, or that they will consent to dictate their policies or beliefs regarding suffrage or any suffrage organization in the District."

WARDMAN GOES TO MARION FORD, C.

Harding and Coolidge Club Selects Realty Expert to Attend Notification.

Harry Wardman was selected last night to represent the Harding and Coolidge Club of the District of Columbia at the notification of Senator Harding, which will take place in Marion, Ohio. Arrangements have been made for a large delegation headed by Wardman to leave Washington over the Baltimore and Ohio Tuesday evening at 10:20 o'clock. Those desiring to join the party have been notified to send names to headquarters, at 1326 New York avenue.

The announcement was made at a meeting of officers of the Republican State Committee, Harding and Coolidge Club, and League of Republican Clubs, held at the New York avenue headquarters last night. Plans were made for campaign activity. The plans include a voters' bureau under the direction of the League of Republican Clubs, where election laws of the various States and other information useful to voters will be on file.

The Harding and Coolidge Club is arranging for a meeting of the near future at the Wardman Park Hotel. Louis Addison Dent is chairman and Charles F. Crane vice chairman of the membership committee.

The speakers' bureau will work in conjunction with the Republican National Committee in sending orators into near-by States.

Campaign activities are under the general direction of William T. Galligan, chairman of the Republican State Committee.

BOLIVIAN DIPLOMAT RESIGNS HIS BERTH

Senator Don Ignacio Calderon, who has served sixteen years in Washington as minister from Bolivia, has resigned his position. He relinquishes his post because of his vigorous disapproval of the revolutionary movement which has overthrown the government.

Senator Calderon has been representing Bolivia here since May 27, 1904. Only two members of the Diplomatic Corps here rank him in seniority—J. J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Viscount d'Ale, the Portuguese minister.

The State Department late Wednesday afternoon was notified of the success of the revolt.

McCALL REJECTS JOB ON U. S. TARIFF BOARD

Former Gov. Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts today called at the White House and informed President Wilson that he is unable to accept a recess appointment to membership on the federal tariff commission. Mr. McCall gave as his reason for refusing the appointment the fact that a commission of the same name is precluded from participating in outside affairs.

McCall was recently elected to the presidency of a large Massachusetts trust company.

GIRL OHIOANS TO PICNIC.

The Ohio Girls' Club will hold a picnic at Marshall Hall July 24. It will be open to all Ohio people.

SWITHIN—After Taking First Round, Rested a Bit, Then Walloped Old Sol in Second. HIT HIM FROM BEHIND

Mournful Saint Seems to Have Advantage in 40-Day Moist Battle.

Mark up two for St. Swithin! July 15, St. Swithin's day, it rained. The old tradition declares that this will be followed by forty days of rain.

Now look! Contestants—St. Swithin, eighth century churchman, a mournful chap. Old Sol, a veritable hot head. Round one—St. Swithin opened the battle by landing a flock of rights and lefts on Old Sol's jaw. Between punches Old Sol gazed down wistfully upon terra firma. St. Swithin's round.

Round two—Old Sol landed a hay-maker on Swithin's adam's apple. Swithin's saint taking the count. He retired to the grave to think it over. Yesterday evening, just as Sol was thinking about going to bed, Swithin sneaked up and soaked him behind the ear with a spring shower. Again St. Swithin's round.

Round three—Opening with Old Sol pale and groggy. Outlook very favorable for Swithin this afternoon.

FUND FOR CASUALTY REACHES \$28,000

Campaign to Raise \$75,000 for Additions to Hospital Will Be Continued.

Casualty Hospital's campaign to raise \$75,000 to place the institution on a self-sustaining basis is now resulting in the collection of \$28,048.19, according to the reports of the captains, yesterday.

Dr. William F. Reeve's team far in the van, having obtained \$10,606.40, with Dr. John A. Stutenburgh's workers second, \$3,119, and Dr. E. W. Burch's third, \$2,454.

Mrs. Frank Odenheimer and Mrs. Jesse Lee Webb announced that the benefit given at the Knickerbocker Theater has resulted in swelling the fund \$14,000. Dr. Stutenburgh's street carnival brought in \$10,605.

Evan H. Tucker, president of the hospital board, stated that a building fund has been started with the \$20,000 bequest of the late T. W. Smith and that all funds now being collected, together with money donated on the gift, would go toward erecting an annex having a capacity of fifty beds.

It was decided to postpone the next meeting of the captains and workers to September 22, owing to the number that will be out of town during the summer.

Contributors to the campaign not previously acknowledged are: Washington Gas Light Company, \$250; Mrs. D. W. Prentiss' card party, \$222; directors of the People's Commercial and Savings Bank, \$220; A. G. Herrmann, Eastern Presbyterian Church, \$100 each; First Presbyterian Church, \$63; Mrs. Charles G. Robinson, John Dolph and office, National Electrical Supply Company, and Arlin Lodge No. 18, F. A. and A. M., \$50 each; Prof. Murray's musicals (additional), \$38.07; Grace Church lawn fee, \$32.50; Bible class, Ninth Street Christian Church, \$25.00; George W. Smith, \$10; George R. Gill, William N. Payne, J. William J. Brewer, Amarrills Gillett, Lamskin Club, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jeffords, Southeast Washington Citizens' Association, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. H. Church and Elmer H. Catlin Company, \$25 each; A. B. Garden, \$22.25; Mrs. J. C. Wineman's dance, \$22; Government Printing Office (additional), \$21.60; Mrs. Rose Benzer, \$20.15; Mrs. C. C. Collins, \$20; P. T. Osborn, \$19.50; Galbraith African Methodist Episcopal Church, \$15.94; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davis, Mrs. Frederick White, \$15 each; E. Burns, \$12; Mrs. M. Williams, \$10.50; Gen. Peter C. Harris, Cathedral Chapter No. 14, Eastern Star, Alice Collins, James Sharp, Mrs. A. P. Clark, Douglas Techiffely, Mowhawk A. Williams, F. Burns, Mrs. Christopher, F. P. Murray & Son, and J. F. Herrmann, \$10 each.

DRINKS RAT POISON BY MISTAKE IN DARK

Awaking in the middle of the night, Mrs. Thelma E. Rodgers, twenty-eight years old, of 817 Thirtieth street northwest, reached to a table at the side of her bed, where she had left a glass of water.

The liquid did not taste right. She turned on a light and discovered that she had picked up a glass of rat poison, which had been left beside the other receptacle.

She had taken three swallows before realizing her mistake, and was removed to Emergency Hospital. She is expected to recover.

WHAT POLICEMEN ARE DOING

Drivers McBride and Moeller have changed places. Moeller goes to the Tenth precinct, while McBride comes to headquarters.

Jake Wolfe and Hugh Robey are on brief leaves of absence. Wolfe is visiting his wife in Virginia. Peter W. Nicholson is taking his place temporarily.

Driver Turnbull has resigned from the service.

Several members of the Ninth precinct are on vacation. Sgt. Gustave Lauten heads the list. Others are Privates J. H. Hunt, J. Brennan, J. L. Moore, and P. A. McDuffy.

Desk Clerk Lomax, of the Ninth, submitted his quarterly report today.

TRACE STOLEN AUTOS TO D.C.

Capital Detectives Help Uncover \$500,000 Thefts in N. Y. Arrest Newark Man.

Washington and New York detectives uncovered one of the largest automobile thefts on record when they made a series of arrests of chauffeurs charged with driving stolen automobiles from New York to this city for disposal.

The wholesale thefts, the police say, have a money value exceeding \$500,000 and it is believed today that the amount will be much higher when the returns are all in.

Morris Elias, operating the "Lancolin Auto Exchange," 415 South Tenth street, Newark, N. J., has been arrested and is being held under heavy bonds pending further investigation by the automobile squads of New York and Washington into the identity of the "master mind" behind the thefts.

The machines, stolen in New York, were driven across into New Jersey to Elias' place, it is alleged, and thence to Washington, where they were disposed of.

PENNY

Anton Heitmuller Has Check From U. S. for Single Cent.

PAY FOR BINOCULARS

Treasurer Can Never Balance Books, As Draft Will Never Be Cashed.

When Anton Heitmuller, 1397 Fourteenth street northwest, turns in his income tax return for 1920 it will contain this item: From United States Government, \$0.01.

Furthermore, it will be impossible for the accountants of the Treasury Department to balance their books to the last cent, for Heitmuller has a check which he never intends to cash. He always will have money to draw.

Heitmuller is one of the few persons who possess the check of Uncle Sam for a single penny. He intends to have it framed.

When America went into the war there were not enough binoculars obtainable to equip all the fleet of dreadnaughts, battleships, cruisers, gunboats, submarines, submarine chasers, torpedo boats, and other vessels of the navy. Heitmuller was the Hun of the seas. A call was sent out for the loan of optical aids. Heitmuller had a valuable binocular which he picked up several years ago in New York. He tendered it to the navy and it was accepted.